A bridge over the Chathannoor stream.

297. *MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representations from the public of Chathannoor praying for the construction of a bridge over the Chathannoor stream between the Government Girls' Middle School and the temple at Chathannoor; and

(*b*) if so, what steps have been taken on the matter?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The necessary investigation has been carried out and the question of this bridge is being considered along with the scheme of construction of rural bridges in the State.

Granting of special Casual leave to Government servants.

298. *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any special casual leave is being granted to those Government servants who go in for worship in Sabarimala temple;

(*b*) if so, the maximum number of days that could be granted as such; and

(*c*) if not, the reason for not granting?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in the light of the above.

(*c*) There is no provision for such leave in the Travancore Service Regulation.

MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether arrangements will be made for granting the special casual leave to Government servants who go in for worship in the Sabarimala temple?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: That is a matter of future policy, Sir.

Amalgamation of the Account Office and the Financial Section.

299. *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Account Office and the Financial Section are amalgamated and, if so, the present position of clerks in the Financial Section?

MR. S. SUNDARARAJAN (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The answer to the first part of the question is in the negative and the Second part does not therefore arise.

Pay of Clerks in the Financial Section.

300. *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the clerks in the Financial Section get higher pay than their seniors in the Account Office;

(*b*) whether they are allowed that pay even now after amalgamation;

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